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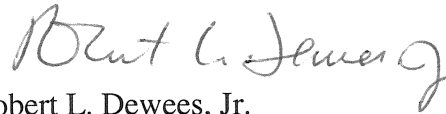
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-27

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed is the Response of Bay State Gas Company to the Attorney General's Motion for Entry Upon Property and Inspection.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Dewees, Jr.

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Enclosure

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

Petition of Bay State Gas Company)
For Approval of Revised Tariffs)
And Other Rate Modifications)

D.T.E. 05-27

**RESPONSE OF BAY STATE GAS COMPANY TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION FOR ENTRY UPON PROPERTY AND
INSPECTION**

On June 9, 2005, the Attorney General filed a Motion for Entry Upon Property and Inspection of the property of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State") that was inspected by Bay State's depreciation expert, Earl M. Robinson. The Attorney General indicates that, at the time he filed his Motion, Bay State had not responded to AG 5-4 and AG 8-24, which requested Mr. Robinson's notes, photos and other information related to Mr. Robinson's site visits.

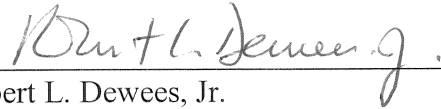
Since the Attorney General's Motion was filed, Bay State has responded to AG 5-4, with much of the information requested in AG 5-4 and AG 8-24. In addition, to the extent that visual inspections will assist the Attorney General on matters related to depreciation and the steel infrastructure replacement program, and assuming the number and locations of requested inspections are reasonable, Bay State has no objection to the Attorney General's request for inspection.

Bay State requests that the Attorney General provide to it and the Department the dates and locations for the requested inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

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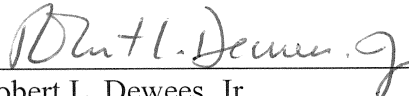
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Dated: June 16, 2005

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I served today a copy of the attached Response of Bay State Gas Company to the Attorney General's Motion for Entry upon Property and Inspection by hand delivery, first class mail postage prepaid or electronically on the Department of Telecommunications and Energy and all parties on the service list on file with the Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy for this proceeding.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 16th day of June, 2005


Robert L. Dewees, Jr.